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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: )  
HIROSHI OOMURA : Examiner: Nicholas C. Pachol  
Application No.: 10/599,653 ) Art Unit: 2625  
Filed: October 4, 2006 ) Conf. No.: 2339  
For: NETWORK DEVICE )  
MANAGEMENT APPARATUS :  
AND ITS CONTROL METHOD, )  
COMPUTER PROGRAM AND :  
COMPUTER-READABLE )  
STORAGE MEDIUM : April 26, 2010

**Mail Stop: Amendment**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Preliminary to further examination, and subsequent to entry of the Amendment

After Final Action dated March 24, 2010, the Examiner is respectfully requested to amend the above-identified application as follows. The change to the claims are reflected on the listing that begins at page 2, and the Remarks begin at page 9.